

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0005] as follows:

A₁ Another prior art technique is disclosed in JP 6-50482A~~JP A 6-50482~~. The art comprises a hose having a first mating catch composed of a discrete element unified therewith by means of insert molding using a blow mold; and an associated member having a second mating catch formed on the rim thereof, so that the hose may be connected to the passage of the associated member by means of mating the first mating catch and second mating catch.